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The intention of this Charity is to administer Advice and Medicines at the Dispensary gratis, to all persons who shall be recommended as proper objects, without any regard to their places of residence; and such objects as reside in the Town of Doncaster, and are unable to attend at the Dispensary, shall be visited by the Faculty at their own Houses.

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REGULATIONS.

1st.—The Charity is to be under the direction of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Governors, in whom is vested the sole management of every thing relating to the institution.

2d.—Every person subscribing one guinea annually, shall be a Governor, and entitled to have one patient on the books at a time; and every person subscribing two guineas annually, shall be entitled to have two patients, and so in proportion for any greater subscription.

3d.—All persons subscribing ten guineas, or making up their contribution within the year to that sum, shall be Governors for life, and entitled to the same privileges as an annual subscriber of one guinea, and so in proportion for any greater benefaction.

4th.—Upon the payment of a legacy of £20. or upwards, the person appointed to pay the same shall be a Governor for life.

5th.—The subscriptions to commence on the first of October, and to be paid in advance to the Treasurer.

6th.—All persons will be supposed to continue their subscriptions, unless they give notice to the contrary in writing, before the annual meeting in October.

7th.—Any subscriber being six months in arrear, will have a monitory letter sent to him or her by the Apothecary, according to the usual practice of Charities.

8th.—Any Governor, by sending notice in writing to the Dispensary, may appoint another Governor to sign his letters of recommendation.

9th.—All accidents, and difficult cases in midwifery, that may require immediate assistance, shall be attended, by applying at the Dispensary, without the form of a recommendation, provided they are objects of charity.

10th.—It is recommended to the Governors that they should make inquiry into the circumstances of persons applying for a recommendation, the Charity having been much imposed upon by improper objects being admitted, and the committee shall have power to discharge such persons as may be deemed improper, informing the Governor who recommended him or her their reasons by letter for so doing.

11th.—That no servants or apprentices be admitted patients but such as are considered necessitous.

12th.—A general meeting of the subscribers shall be held at the Dispensary in Doncaster, on the first Thursday in January, April, July, and October, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting, five Governors shall constitute a board.

13th.—A report of the state of this Charity, and of the number of patients admitted and discharged within the year, shall be laid before the annual meeting in October, and afterwards published; and at the said meeting, the names of all subscribers in arrear, and the amount of their arrears shall be read from the chair, and the said meeting shall take into consideration the circumstances of such arrears, and shall have power to strike out any of them which may be deemed irrecoverable, and also to erase from the list of subscribers the names of any such subscribers in arrear, if the said meeting shall deem it expedient for the welfare of the Charity so to do.

14th.—A committee of twelve subscribers shall be chosen annually, to attend the Dispensary on the first Tuesday in every month, and three shall be a sufficient number to examine bills, and order the payment of them, and to regulate the affairs of the Charity.

15th.—The acting Physicians and Surgeons to be members of the committee.

16th.—The Physicians and Surgeons shall be a committee for purchasing drugs, instruments, and other necessaries for the medical department of the Charity.

17th.—All officers of the Charity to be chosen at the annual meeting in October; but in case of a vacancy by the decease or resignation of any officer of the Charity, such vacancy shall be filled up as early as may be thought proper by the committee calling a meeting of the Governors for such purpose, and if more than one candidate the election to be by ballot. But no subscriber shall be entitled to vote in the election of a Treasurer, Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, until the subscriber shall have been such for six calendar months at least previous to such election; and no subscribers shall be intitled to vote in such election until their arrears, if any, be paid up.

18th.—The Physicians and Surgeons shall not be considered as annual officers.

19th.—No resolution proposed at a general meeting, shall be entered as a rule (unless recommended by the committee) till it is confirmed by a succeeding general meeting.

20th.—Ladies shall be allowed to vote by proxy, expressed in writing.

MEDICAL ATTENDANTS.

21st.—A Physician and Surgeon shall attend at the Dispensary every Tuesday and Saturday morning, at eleven o'clock, to prescribe for out-patients; they shall likewise visit the home patients at their respective places of abode when necessary. By out-patients, are to be understood such whose disorders do not confine them; by home patients, such as are absolutely unable to attend, but who reside in the town of Doncaster.

22d.—Should indisposition, or any other cause, prevent the Physician from attending, he shall appoint one of the Surgeons to the Charity to attend for him.

23d.—If any of the Surgeons, from indisposition or any other reasonable cause, should not be able to attend, he shall appoint another Surgeon to attend for him.

24th.—No capital operation shall be performed without a previous consultation of all the Surgeons to the Charity.

25th.—The pupils of the Surgeons shall have liberty to attend the Charity.

26th.—Any person wishing to have their children inoculated may apply at the Dispensary every Tuesday morning, at nine o'clock.

27th.—Two Physicians shall be the number of medical attendants to the Charity, and three Surgeons.

APOTHECARY AND SECRETARY.

28th.—He shall reside in the house to receive letters of recommendation, and transmit them to the Physicians and Surgeons. He shall compound and dispense all medicines prescribed, affixing to each medicine the patient's name, and manner of using it. He shall visit the home patients as often as he is required, and report their cases to the Physicians and Surgeons; and shall not undertake or attend any business whatsoever but that of this Charity. He shall on no account absent himself from the house without leaving a note where he is to be found on any emergency. He shall not absent himself one whole day without leave from the Faculty, and procure a person whom they approve, to attend for him. He shall transact all the necessary business of a Secretary, he shall examine the right of letters of recommendation, and keep a register of the patients under cure,-the nature of the disease,-by whom recommended,-when admitted,-when discharged, and in what state. He shall attend all boards to register their proceedings, and keep all the accounts of the Charity.

29th.—That the Apothecary do give three months notice previous to his resigning his office.

PATIENTS.

30th.—Out-patients shall carry their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary every Tuesday and Saturday morning, at eleven o'clock, to be admitted and receive advice. They shall afterwards attend the Physician or Surgeon, who first received them under his carc, on such days as he appoints.

31st.—Patients that are unable to attend, shall send their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary, any morning by nine o'clock.

32d.—If any patient shall neglect to attend the Physician or Surgeon, at the Dispensary for ten days, such patient shall be discharged.

33d.—They shall attend clean, behave themselves soberly and decently, and strictly conform to the direction of the Physician or Surgeon, who give their attendance without fee or reward, or be immediately dismissed.

34th.—If any patient be discharged for irregularity, the Apothecary shall immediately inform the Governor who recommended him or her.

35th.—When cured, they shall carry a letter from the Apothecary to the Governor who recommended them, and return thanks, on neglect of which, they shall be excluded from the benefit of this Charity in future.

36th.—If complaint be made by any patient for ill treatment, the Governor who recommended him or her, by applying to the committee, will be fully satisfied of the affair, or the cause removed.

37th.—Patients who only require a repetition of their medicines, must send for them between the hours of three and five in the afternoou, and return their bottles, pots, or boxes, made clean, in which they have before had such medicines: and if they do not send for their medicines at the hours appointed, shall not be allowed to have them until the following day.

PRESIDENT,

THE MAYOR OF DONCASTER.

TREASURER,

G. PARKER, ESQ.

PHYSICIANS,

DR. CHORLEY AND DR. ROBINSON.

SURGEONS,

MR. BRANSON, MR. MOORE, AND MR. MOREY.

APOTHECARY & SECRETARY,

MR. N. PEARSON.

To those who chuse to become Benefactors by Will, the following Form of a Legacy is recommended:—

I also give and hequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of £— in trust to pay the same to the Treasurer for the time being, of the DONCASTER DISPENSARY, which sum I charge on my personal Estate, and desire the same may be applied to the benevolent purposes of that Institution.

FINIS.

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